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I support the petition filed with the FDA by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) regarding banning the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed. The use of these antibiotics jeopardizes human health by causing the development of antibiotic resistance among bacteria that can make people sick.

In 1997, the World Health Organization (WHO) called for a ban of such use. The Centers for Disease Control, the American Public Health Association, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials agree. The European Union banned the addition of human-use antibiotics to animal feed. Why hasn't the F.D.A. acted?

Almost HALF of all antibiotics used in the U.S. are used in livestock. Most of these -- more than 16 million pounds a year -- are used to promote livestock growth. FDA action to ban that use would go a long way toward protecting these miracle drugs of modern medicine.

Let's protect our children, and our children's children.

Very truly yours,

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